

**From:** Terri-A White/R3/USEPA/US  
**Sent:** 3/16/2012 6:42:47 PM  
**To:** "Dennis Carney" <Carney.Dennis@epamail.epa.gov>  
**CC:** "Roy Seneca" <seneca.roy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Fw: Dimock results

## Ex. 5 - Deliberative

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**From:** Terri-A White  
**Sent:** 03/16/2012 06:23 PM EDT  
**To:** "Tom Wilber" <wilberwrites@hotmail.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Dimock results  
Give me some time to find out.  
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**From:** Tom Wilber [wilberwrites@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** 03/16/2012 05:31 PM AST  
**To:** Terri-A White  
**Subject:** RE: Dimock results

I am unclear what safe "range" means. Can you please be specific. Does that mean in all instances contaminants, including arsenic and sodium, are BELOW the MCL? yes or no?

Thanks  
Tom

To: wilberwrites@hotmail.com  
Subject: RE: Dimock results  
From: White.Terri-A@epamail.epa.gov  
Date: Fri, 16 Mar 2012 16:57:03 -0400

concentrations at all eleven homes were all within the safe range for drinking water

From: Tom Wilber <wilberwrites@hotmail.com>  
To: Terri-A White/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 03/16/2012 04:31 PM  
Subject: RE: Dimock results

Hi Terri,  
Thanks for the prompt reply.  
The wording of the statement is vague regarding arsenic and sodium. Can you tell me whether any of the 11 homes had levels of arsenic, sodium, or any other compounds, above the safe drinking standards? if so, how many and what were the values?  
Many thanks.  
Regards  
Tom

To: wilberwrites@hotmail.com  
Subject: RE: Dimock results  
From: White.Terri-A@epamail.epa.gov  
Date: Fri, 16 Mar 2012 14:34:53 -0400

Tom,  
We did not issue a press release yesterday but did send out a statement. I was out sick yesterday but had asked for my colleague to send out the statement to you. Sorry that you didn't get it. Here is the statement. It answers your question about sodium and arsenic. I will make sure you get future notifications from us as more confirmed results are released. --  
Terri

On Jan. 19, as a result of requests from residents and a review of the data we had in hand, EPA announced it would perform water sampling at approximately 60 homes in the Carter Road/Meshoppen Creek Road area of Dimock, Pa. to further assess whether any residents are being exposed to hazardous substances that cause health concerns.

The first round of sampling results is now available for the first 11 homes that were tested during the week of Jan. 23. Sampling results from these 11 homes did not show levels of contamination that could present a health concern. Samples from six of the 11 homes did show concentrations of sodium, methane, chromium or bacteria, but concentrations were all within the safe range for drinking water. The sampling results also identified the presence of arsenic at two homes. Out of the 11 homes tested, there are currently three homes receiving an alternate water supply provided by EPA. EPA will continue to provide water to these homes while we perform additional sampling to ensure that the drinking water quality at these homes remains consistent and acceptable for use over time. EPA is also taking a second round of samples from the two homes where arsenic was detected, and although the levels meet drinking water standards, we will resample to better characterize the water quality of these wells. After receiving results from the second round of sampling, EPA will re-evaluate the need to continue providing an alternate water source. EPA has offered to meet with all the residents to go over their data and answer any health-related concerns. As further quality assured data becomes available for the remaining homes, we will share with the homeowners in an expedited manner. Our actions will continue to be based on the science and the law as we work to help get a clear picture of water quality for these homes in Dimock.

From: Tom Wilber <wilberwrites@hotmail.com>  
To: Terri-A White/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Cc: Trish Taylor/R3/USEPA/US  
Date: 03/16/2012 01:55 PM  
Subject: RE: Dimock results

Hi Terri

I did not receive the press release yesterday on the early EPA results on the Dimock investigation. Could you please make sure I'm added to the list, so I can get this information directly from your agency rather than having to count on other sources?

I am writing a follow up and have these question: Do levels of sodium or arsenic surpass drinking water standards in **any** of the 11 wells for which results are available? How and when is the EPA making the results available and publicly accessible?

I am on a 6 p.m. deadline  
Many thanks for your help.

Tom Wilber  
607-372-4323

To: wilberwrites@hotmail.com  
Subject: RE: Dimock results  
From: White.Terri-A@epamail.epa.gov  
Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2012 17:30:33 -0400  
Tom,

I will let you know tomorrow the # of homes tested to date (just need to verify the count I have). EPA's sampling is limited to the Dimock homes in the Carter Road/Meshoppen Creek Road area. -- Terri

From: Tom Wilber <wilberwrites@hotmail.com>  
To: Terri-A White/R3/USEPA/US@EPA  
Cc: Trish Taylor/R3/USEPA/US  
Date: 03/13/2012 03:20 PM  
Subject: RE: Dimock results

Hi Terri

Thanks for the response. A few more questions:

Originally, the EPA was scheduled to test about 60 homes. Is that still the goal? How many has the agency tested so far? Is the investigation extending outside the Dimock/ Springfield area to other towns or counties? The reason I ask is the DEP recently documented new problems in the Town of Franklin, north of Dimock.

<http://tomwilber.blogspot.com/2012/03/methane-migration-problems-continue-in.html>

Thanks for the help  
Tom

To: wilberwrites@hotmail.com  
Subject: Re: FW: Dimock results  
From: White.Terri-A@epamail.epa.gov

Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2012 12:46:31 -0400

Hi Tom,

I will include you on any notifications/releases of data results. I'm not sure how soon we'll have something. -- Terri

From: Tom Wilber <wilberwrites@hotmail.com>

To: Terri-A White/R3/USEPA/US@EPA

Date: 03/13/2012 10:25 AM

Subject: FW: Dimock results

Hi Terri

Trish Taylor referred me to you. Are there any preliminary results or updates of the Dimock investigation, and if so, how can I get access to them? Is not, when do you expect information will be released?

Thanks for your time.

Tom Wilber

Author, *Under the Surface, Fracking, Fortunes and the Fate of the Marcellus Shale*

Cornell University Press, Spring 2012

Reporter, *Shale Gas Review*

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To: wilberwrites@hotmail.com

CC: White.Terri-A@epamail.epa.gov

Subject: Re: FW: Dimock results

From: Taylor.Trish@epamail.epa.gov

Date: Mon, 12 Mar 2012 09:44:28 -0400

--Hi Tom,

I'm not in the office so I've fwd you email request to our press officer Terri White.

Thx.

Trish Taylor, Community Involvement Coordinator

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From: Tom Wilber <wilberwrites@hotmail.com>

To: Trish Taylor/R3/USEPA/US

Date: 03/09/2012 12:33 PM

Subject: FW: Dimock results

Hi again Trish

I know you must be busy, but when you have a moment, hopefully before the week ends, could you please respond to my email (below) or phone message I left earlier this week?

Many thanks

Tom Wilber

From: wilberwrites@hotmail.com

To: taylor.trish@epa.gov

Subject: FW: Dimock results

Date: Tue, 6 Mar 2012 09:29:49 -0500

Hi Trish

Perhaps you remember me when we met at the Suatner's residence in mid January as I reported on the EPA investigation.

<http://tomwilber.blogspot.com/2012/01/epa-probe-on-dimock-water-begins-with.html>

I'm interested in learning more about the results, which I understand will be released this week. When do you expect that to be released and what will the protocol be? Can you please include me on your media distribution list?

Regards

Tom Wilber

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Cornell University Press, Spring 2012

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